

Department of the Interior National Business Center Modernization Program Office  
Indoor Air Forum Quality Meeting

Monday, March 26, 2007  
2 p.m. Room 2646

**Attendees:** Ken Tunney, Gay Bindocci, Ian Rosenblum, Jeremy Lawson, Jan Elmore, Kristina Clark, Harry Colclough

**Location Note:**

- The location of the meeting was changed (from Room 2507) due to a scheduling conflict. Subsequent meetings will return to the Modernization Program Office Conference Room, 2507, starting on Monday April 9, 2007.

**Summary:**

- 12 standing issues were reviewed and discussed. No updates were provided that would allow the issues to be removed from the list. One new issue was introduced. On 03.23.2007: an odor was reported from the 5600 kitchenette. The door was locked overnight, so the cleaning crew was unable to remove the garbage. Division of Facilities Management is investigating and will take appropriate action.

**Points of Discussion:**

- While it was noted that improved construction practices have vastly diminished the number of air quality, noise, and odor issues related to work being done in the construction zone, there was interest in gaining more information about possible exposure to substances before sealed drywall barriers were installed for this phase, in addition to other precautions. The requested Material Safety Data Sheets had been received, but attendees felt there were significant gaps in knowledge. Additional information was requested on OSHA requirements.
- A question was asked regarding the “statement made by the National Business Center to Congress that the modernization project was safe and posed no hazards when a subsequent inspection by NIOSH yielded significant suggestions for improving air quality.” Discussion ensued.
- The nature of the use of negative air pressure was clarified. Spaces undergoing asbestos and lead paint abatement activities are under negative air pressure 100% of the time. Modernization strives to achieve negative air pressure in the entire construction zone to control dust and odors and uses equipment to monitor the effectiveness of the endeavor.

**Follow Up:** 1) OSHA requirements 2) Clarification of NBC Director’s statement on health issues and building modernization and the department’s response to Congress.